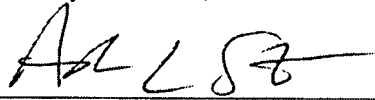


REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated August 23, 2007. At the time of the office action, Claims 1-13 were pending in this application. In the current office action, the Examiner allowed Claims 1-7 and 12 and rejected Claims 8-11 and 13. Applicants have canceled Claims 8-11 and 13 and now believe this application to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the currently pending claims are clearly patentably distinguishable over the cited and applied references. Accordingly, entry of this amendment, reconsideration of the rejections of the claims over the references cited, and allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

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